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## **Brookings-Harbor Voices PSA – Oregon Rising Results**

Hi, this is Sean Gallagher – Brookings Harbor School District 17C Superintendent here to report on the recently announced Oregon Rising results.

During spring of 2016, Oregonians throughout the state participated in a community outreach program revolving around the status of public education in the State of Oregon. Exactly 10,894 Oregonians spoke their minds and hearts through public meetings and online surveys regarding what they want to see from public education. According to the Oregon Rising website, the overall summary is that there is a gap between delivery and the student needs, public education as a whole must find a way to close that gap to better meet the needs of our students. 38.11

How does public education better meet the needs of our students? There are a couple of overall conclusions that the survey's indicated:

1. Add more teachers and staff. Class sizes are a concern across the State of Oregon, Brookings Harbor School District enjoys on average class sizes that are less than the state average K-12 overall, but there are still those bulging hold-outs that we all know exist and can affect the learning environment. 1:02.00
2. Provide a broad education. The recent economic recession did not do public education a favor as most school districts had to make massive cuts to keep each district operational, Oregon Rising results indicate that it is important to bring programs back to public education such as art, music, career technical education, etc... to provide a much broader education

If you would like to learn more about the Oregon Rising results the district will be holding a series of Fireside Chats with Superintendent Sean Gallagher starting Tuesday November 15 from 6-8 PM at the BHHS Library. Additional dates will be announced at a later date. The Oregon Rising results are important for districts to reflect upon and advocate for adequate funding at the state level to support bringing back those programs that are meaningful for communities. Remember, that only together can we ensure that Every Student Can Succeed here at Brookings Harbor School District.